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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE CENTER 2800

In re Application of:

Suket A. Parikh

Serial No.: 09/244,788

Filed: 2/5/99

For: Dual Damascene Misalignment
Tolerant Techniques For Vias And
Sacrificial Etch Segments



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) Art Unit: 2813
) Examiner: Pham T.
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) Petition For Extension Of Time
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

This is a petition for an extension of the time for three (3) months to extend the time to respond to the Office Action mailed on 1/10/01 from the shortened statutory period for response of 4/10/01 to 7/10/01.

A response in connection with the matter for which this extension is requested, is enclosed herewith.

Fee Statement

The Extension Fee of \$890.00 for response within the third month is charged to a Deposit Account as provided in the enclosed Transmittal Letter.

Extended Period For Response

Based on the extension requested in this petition, the extended period of response will expire on July 10, 2001.

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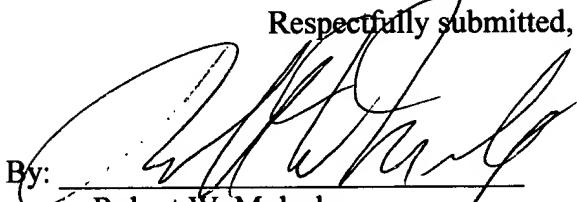
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